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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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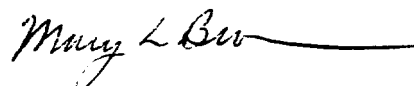
Re: CC Docket No. 01-9 – Supplemental Application of Verizon Pursuant to
Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Provide InterLATA
Services in Massachusetts
CC Docket No. 00-229 – 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review –
Telecommunications Service Quality Reporting Requirements
CC Docket No. 96-98 – Implementation of the Local Competition
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 13, 2001, Donna Sorgi, Rob Lopardo, and I met with Dorothy Attwood, Glenn Reynolds, Michelle Carey, Jodie Donovan-May, Jared Carlson, Tom Navin of the Common Carrier Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Donna Sorgi as the new head of WorldCom's federal regulatory group, and to provide a short list of some of the priority items currently pending at the Commission.

With respect to the four items listed above, the WorldCom representatives conveyed substantive advocacy points. On the pending Massachusetts 271 application, WorldCom advocates argued, consistent with written comments, that pricing issues remain a barrier to entry in Massachusetts, and that the current switching rate is well above switching rates in states where 271 authority has been granted or where WorldCom has entered. With respect to the service quality reporting docket, WorldCom urged the Bureau not to take any action that would reduce the Bureau's visibility into access provisioning. With respect to unbundled switching for business customers, WorldCom stated its concern that unbundled network elements need to be available to serve the low end of the market. On the pending request for waiver of the EELS order, WorldCom stated its view that its waiver request should be promptly granted.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Brown
Vice President
Federal Law and Public Policy

Cc: Dorothy Attwood
Glenn Reynolds
Michelle Carey
Jodie Donovan-May
Jared Carlson
Tom Navin